

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 362
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In Texas, cosmetologists currently may not shave, or offer to shave, a person's beard or mustache or the back of a person's neck for compensation. Interested parties assert that adding these services to the scope of the practice of cosmetology would benefit cosmetologists by providing increased job opportunities. S.B. 362 seeks to allow cosmetologists to use a safety razor for certain shaving purposes.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 362 amends the Occupations Code to expand the definition of "cosmetology" to include treating a person's hair by shaving a person's neck with a safety razor and treating a person's mustache or beard by shaving with a safety razor. The bill defines "safety razor" as a razor that is fitted with a guard close to the cutting edge of the razor that is intended to prevent the razor from cutting too deeply and reduce the risk and incidence of accidental cuts.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.